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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of the invention of species A in the reply filed on November 14, 2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Additionally, claims 8 – 14 are withdrawn from consideration, since the claims do not read on the elected species.

Drawings

3. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because All drawings must be made by a process which will give them satisfactory reproduction characteristics. Every line, number, and letter must be durable, clean, black (except for color drawings), sufficiently dense and dark, and uniformly thick and well-defined. The weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction. The letters and numbers are not uniformly thick and well-defined. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1 – 7, 15 – 21 and 35 – 41 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not teach, alone or in combination, an integrated circuit device "wherein said internal voltage bus supplies a body bias voltage to said distribution circuit absent a voltage applied to said pad." The prior art does not teach a method wherein "responsive to an absence of said external body bias voltage, automatically supplying said body biasing wells of said semiconductor device with an internal voltage of said semiconductor device through a resistance."

Conclusion

6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The outstanding objection to the drawings.

The non-elected claims are still pending in the application.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas W. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-1662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas W. Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Douglas" being the most prominent part.

Douglas W Owens
Examiner
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